(a) whether there is separate voters' lists for Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would bring any amendment/new legislation to bring uniformity in voters' lists for Lok Sabha, Assemblies, local bodies and Nagar Palikas to strengthen the democratic set up and remove irregularities in elections; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Under article 243K of the Constitution, the Legislature of a State is empowered to make provisions with respect to all matters relating to, or in connection with, elections to the Panchayats. Similarly, under article 243ZA of the Constitution, the Legislature of a State is empowered to make provisions with respect to all matters relating to, or in connection with, elections to the Municipalities. These laws would *inter alia* include provisions relating to the preparation of electoral rolls for elections to the respective bodies.

Hence, it is, for the State Legislatures to make laws for adopting the electoral laws of the Assembly constituencies for the purpose of elections to Panchayats and Municipalities.

Irregularities in voters' lists

1919. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that names of a large number of legitimate voters are removed from the voters' lists and thus they are deprived of casting votes in Assembly elections in various States;

(b) the details of the complaints received regarding irregularities in voters' lists during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the steps Government proposes in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Disclosure of wealth by Judges

1920. SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:
SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:
SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state: